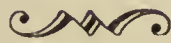


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REPORTS

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Sanitary Inspector

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31st, 1942



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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year ending December 31st, 1942.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1942.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry, it has been curtailed considerably, but to ensure continuity, the essential statistics are presented as in previous Reports.

The Vital Statistics show a Crude Death Rate of 11.3 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 14.0 for 1941. Cancer was responsible for one-third of the total deaths. The Live Birth Rate was 16.7 per 1000 of the population, as compared with 11.2 for 1941. There were 3 Still-births. The Infantile Mortality Rate was 43 per 1000 live births.

No serious outbreak of Infectious Diseases has occurred.

Housing and Overcrowding are dealt with in the Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District in Acres	-	-	-	665
Number of Persons per acre	-	-	-	4.2
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident				
Population, middle of 1942)	-	-	-	2820
Number of inhabited houses	-	-	-	852
Average number of persons per house	-	-	-	3.31
Rateable Value	-	-	-	£19,138
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	-	-	-	£75

VITAL STATISTICS.

Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.

						Birth Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population.
			M.	F.		
Live	Legitimate	Total 46 :	31	15		16.7
Births	Illegitimate	1	—	1		

Still-Births, Legitimate, Total 3, M. 1, F, 2 ; Rate per
1000 Total (live and still-births) - - 60

Birth Rate, England & Wales, 1942 - - 15.8

Deaths - 32—Males, 12 ; Females, 20 ;
Crude Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated
resident population - - 11.3

Death Rate, England & Wales, 1942 - - 11.6

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis or other Puerperal causes Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age - - 2

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :

All Infants per 1000 live births - - 43

Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births 44

Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

England & Wales - - 49 per 1000

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) - - 10

Death Rate from Cancer per 1000 of the population 3.55

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	-	-	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	-	-	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	-	-	1

Ages at which deaths occurred (32).

Under 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 and over
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	11	17

9 of these deaths occurred at ages from 70 to 80 years,
and 5 over 80 years.

CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's Return).

DISEASES.	1941		1942	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers -	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever -	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever -	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough -	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria -	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System -	1	1	-	-
Other Forms of Tuberculous -	-	-	-	-
Syphilis -	-	-	-	-
Influenza -	2	-	-	-
Measles -	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis -	-	-	-	-
Acute Infectious Encephalitis -	-	-	-	-
Cancer -	2	3	3	7
Diabetes -	-	-	-	-
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions -	-	3	-	3
Heart Disease -	3	4	2	2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System -	-	1	3	1
Bronchitis -	4	-	-	1
Pneumonia -	4	1	-	-
Other Respiratory Diseases -	-	1	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum -	-	-	-	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) -	-	-	-	1
Appendicitis -	-	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases -	1	-	1	-
Nephritis -	2	-	-	2
Puerperal and Post-Abortive Sepsis -	-	-	-	-
Other Maternal Causes -	-	-	-	-
Premature Birth -	-	-	-	-
Congenital, Malformations and Birth Injuries -	-	-	-	1
Suicide -	-	-	-	1
Road Traffic Accidents -	-	1	-	-
Other Violent Causes -	1	1	-	-
All other Causes -	2	2	3	1
TOTALS -	22	18	12	20
	40		32	

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

As 1938

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

As 1938

SECTION B.**GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF
THE AREA.**

ii (a) Laboratory Facilities :

All Clinical Material sent to the County Bacteriologist.

Bacteriological Examinations :

	Number of Specimens sent for Report			10
	Total.	Positive.	Negative.	
Diphtheria (Swabs)	4	4	Nil.	
Sputum	6	4	2	

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Retaining Fees paid to the Borough of Stourbridge and The Urban District Council of Brierley Hill ensure the Service of an Ambulance at all times.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME. As 1938.

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES & CLINICS. As 1938.

HOSPITALS.

PUBLIC. As 1938. Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Amblecote is one of the Constituent Authorities of the newly formed West Midlands Joint Hospital Board. The Isolation of Infectious Diseases is now provided for as far as War Time conditions permit.

VOLUNTARY.

As 1938.

MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES. As 1938.

TUBERCULOSIS. As 1938.

(i) MIDWIFERY & MATERNITY SERVICES.

As 1938.

(ii) UNMARRIED MOTHERS, HOMELESS AND
ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN. As 1938.

(iii) HEALTH VISITORS & ORTHOPÆDIC TREATMENT.

As 1938.

REGISTRATION OF MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES.

As 1938.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) WATER. As 1938.

(ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE. As 1938.

2. RIVERS & STREAMS. As 1938.

3. (i) Closet Accommodation.

(ii) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

*The particulars will be found in the Report of the
Sanitary Inspector.*

(iii) Swimming Baths and Pools. As 1938.

4. SCHOOLS. One Junior School—recently transferred to the
County Council.

5. DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD. As 1938.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1942.

1. *Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	-	-	1
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2. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

(A)—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 & 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-	Nil.
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices :—		
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(a) By Owners	-	-	Nil.
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(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners		Nil.
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(B).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-	Nil.
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-	Nil.
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(C).—PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-	-	Nil.
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(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	-	-	Nil.
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4. *Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding :—*

(a)	(1)	Number of Dwellings overcrowded at end of year (1942)	-	-	-	Nil.
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	-			Nil.
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	-			Nil.
(b)		Number of New Cases of Overcrowding reported during the year	-	-	-	1
(c)	(1)	Number of Cases of Overcrowding relieved during the year	-	-	-	Nil.
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	-			Nil.
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	-			Nil.

HOUSING CONDITIONS AND OVERCROWDING

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

SECTION E.**INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

- (a) Milk Supply ;
- (b) Meat and other foods

(See Report of Sanitary Inspector).

- (c), (d) Adulteration, etc. Food & Drugs Acts, etc.—are administered by the County Council.
- (e) Nutrition : No action has been taken.
- (f) Shell Fish : Little, if any, sold in the District.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(2) NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1942.

DISEASE.	Total No. of Cases.	AGES.											Cases sent to Isolat'n Hos- pital.	Deaths
		under 1 year	1 to 2 yrs.	2 to 3 yrs.	3 to 4 yrs.	4 to 5 yrs.	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.		
Enteric Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	16	-	1	-	1	4	8	2	-	-	-	-	8	-
Whooping-cough ...	3	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	5	-	-	1	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ...	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Totals ...	32	1	2	3	2	4	12	3	1	2	-	2	11	-

The above includes persons from outside districts whilst patients in the Corbett Hospital, viz.:—Cerebro-spinal Fever, 4; Scarlet Fever, 8; Diphtheria, 1; Encephalitis, 1.

5. (a) PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. As 1938.

(b) **TUBERCULOSIS, 1942.**

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 10 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 to 15 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 20 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 to 25 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35 „	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 55 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 65 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Arrangements have been made with the County Education Authorities for immunisation of Children against Diphtheria. The School Doctor treats the children and the Council provide the Prophylactic. 62 Children were “immunised”—14 being of school age and 48 under 5 years.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. SIMPKISS,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1943.

Amblecote Urban District Council.

Annual Report

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector

For the Year 1942.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit an abbreviated report for the Year 1942 as follows :—

Sanitary Accommodation.

Houses provided with Water Closets	-	836	} 854
Houses provided with Pan Closets	-	5	
Houses provided with Privies	-	13	
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Houses provided with separate Water Closets		713	
Houses provided with Water Closets in common		123	

Scavenging and Household Refuse.

Refuse Removal is carried out by Direct Labour. Tipping is efficiently controlled. Salvage is collected and disposed of. This service is not compulsory.

Housing.

The number of Houses is the same as 1940. No Houses have been built either by Private Enterprise or the Local Authority nor are any in course of erection.

Housing Conditions.

The houses in your District may be classified as follows :—

Houses with one Bedroom	-	-	1	} 854
Houses with two Bedrooms	-	-	325	
Houses with three Bedrooms	-	-	441	
Houses with more than three Bedrooms			87	

It is exceedingly difficult to get houses repaired, as there is little labour available for this purpose.

Overcrowding—One case being dealt with.

Eradication of Bed Bugs, Etc.

No action necessary.

Water Supply.

All premises receive a continuous and pure supply of water for drinking and domestic purposes from the Stourbridge and District Water Board. The principal Bore Holes (at Wollaston Road and Mill Meadow) are situated in your District. The Engineer and Manager to the Board has samples of the Water taken at frequent intervals and supplies Copies of the Analyses.

Milk, Dairies and Cowsheds.

The following Amblecote suppliers are registered :—Producer Retailers, 2 ; Retail Purveyors, 2.

Milk—Special Designations Order : 2 Licences issued to sell “ Pasteurised Milk ” and 1 for “ Tuberculin Tested Milk.” They are “ Secondary ” Licences.

Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

No Slaughter-house is used in this District. Notices were given in respect of 26 Pigs killed on private premises.

Precautions Against Infectious Diseases.

Houses (or Rooms) Disinfected	-	-	7
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Patients removed to Isolation Hospital :—

Diphtheria	-	-	-	3	}	11
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	8		

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HAROLD PIPER,

Sanitary Inspector.

September, 1943.

